improve the standard of serials and to have them handled by the creative people in the field of art and films, a new scheme has been introduced. According to this scheme, producers and directors will be registered for production of TV serials/series for Doordarshan. Accordingly, an advertisement was given in the leading National Dailies in English and Hindi in various regions. The last day for the receipt of the application was 30.10.1987. These applications, after proper entries in the Register, will be placed before a Selection Board constituted by the Government consisting of eminent persons from the field of film and communication and the Board will examine these applications and prepare a panel.

The present system has been introduced so that creative persons in the field of Art and Films are encouraged to come forward for the production of sponsored serials. Since the applications will be scrutinised and decisions taken thereon by a Selection Board consisting of senior officials and eminent non-officials the system has been insulated against the possibility of any unfair selection. This scheme, however, is only applicable to the production of sponsored programmes for Doordarshan. The doors of Doordarshan are and will remain open for the production of programmes as per its requirements.

Hazy reception on television sets

3744. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan at Bangalore had recently received any complaints from the residents, who are in the vicinity of the Television Tower about getting double images, hazy reception in their television sets; and

(b) if so, the action taken to ensure proper reception of programmes on their television sets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The hazy reception in the vicinity is caused by multiple reflections from surrounding high rise buildings. This can be rectified by use of indoor receiving antenna by the TV set owners.

Recovery of unpaid amount from Shahadra Consumers' Cooperative Store

3745. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 2450 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th August, 1987 and state:

(a) what other steps including recovering the huge amount from the officers of the Shahadra Consumers' Cooperative Stores found responsible by the CBI have been taken by the NCCF;

(b) who are the officers responsible for delaying action by about three years against the involved officers after the CBI submitted its report in November, 1984; and

(c) what is the final action taken against the Assistant Manager concerned to whom a notice for termination of his services was served on 6th August, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) NCCF has reported that the case of arbitration is pending before the Registrar of Coop. Societies, Delhi. Appropriate action will be taken on completion of the arbitration proceedings.

(b) and (c) The CBI Report in the matter was received by the NCCF on 20.11.84 and action against the involved Officers was initiated immediately. Completion of the departmental inquiry has taken some time. However, the services of the Assistant Manager concerned of the NCCF have been terminated w.e.f. 19.10.87.

Gifting of Chickpeas bags

3746. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Questions 856 and 2451 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1987 and 14th August. 1987 respectively and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that explanation of an Assistant Manager who had initiated gifting of 468 bags of Chickpeas worth Rs. 1 lakh was sought in July, 1987, if so, what action has been taken against him;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Grocery and General Merchandise Committee was not empowered by the Board to take business decisions and name of Essell International to whom the chickpeas was sold, was not disclosed in its agenda minutes;

(c) whether Chief Manager (Imports) did not cancel the contract of Essell International on their failure to physically lift the stock within August, 1984 and allowed them lifting of stocks by October, 1984 when its price shot up to Rs. 8000 per tonne; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the progress of investigations by the C B.I in this case?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) NCCF has reported that the explanation of the Assistant Manager was received in July, 1987 and other examination, certain additional clarifications were asked for, which have been received in October, 1987. These are now undr examination of the NCCF.

(b) NCCF has further reported that the Grocery and General Merchandise Committee was set up by its Business Committee to examine the policies to be adopted by NCCF for its Business Operations This name of Essell International reportedly figured in the discussions during the meeting of this Committee held on 25-7-84.

(c) Since M/s Essell International deposited the full cost of the goods within the contracted period of August, 1984, the question of cancelling the contract did not arise.

(d) The case, which was referred to CBI, has been returned on the ground that the NCCF employees are not public servants and hence investigations aaginst the employees of the NCCF have not been taken by the CBI. The case now has been referred to the Central Vigilance Commission for examination.

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3747. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि -

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूरदर्शन द्वारा ग्रामीण युवकों, महिलाओं और बच्चों के लिए प्रसारित किए जाने वाले 75 प्रतिशत कार्यक्रम ग्रामीण समाज के अनुकूल नहीं होते हैं ;